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### ***Kernan Awards Grant for Town of Prince's Lakes to Purchase Recycled Playground Materials***

INDIANAPOLIS — Families of Prince's Lakes will soon see the unique and innovative ways in which recycled materials such as plastic, aluminum and rubber can be used.

The Indiana Department of Commerce's office of Energy Policy has awarded the Town of Prince's Lakes, located in Johnson County, a \$4,997 Recycled Product Purchasing Grant to buy recycled-content playground equipment, playground timbers and playground mats as part of the town's Walking Trail Improvement Project.

"The United States produces enough plastic every year to shrink wrap the state of Texas," said Lt. Governor Joe Kernan, who serves as director of the Department of Commerce. "So, using recycled products in projects like this one will bring Hoosiers one step closer to being part of the solution, not the problem."

A playground will be constructed in the middle of the Walking Trail in Prince's Lakes. Recycled plastic border timbers will frame the area and the playground equipment itself will contain recycled plastic and steel. Recycled rubber dynacushion mats will be placed on various high traffic areas to prevent surface wear. These products divert material from landfills, require little to no maintenance, withstand weather and are not treated with harmful chemicals.

Recycled Product Purchasing Grants promote the purchase of recycled content products in Indiana. The grants are available for trial or demonstration projects by local government entities throughout the state, including public schools, solid waste management districts and county, city or town governments. Grants of up to \$5,000 are available per applicant, not to exceed 50 percent of eligible project costs.

The Indiana Recycling Energy Development Board, which meets quarterly, reviews grant proposals and determines awards. Housed in Commerce's Community Development division, the office of Energy and Recycling administers the program. For more information on recycling programs, please contact Tiffany Sorge at 317.232.8940 or visit the Web site at [www.CommerceRecycles.in.gov](http://www.CommerceRecycles.in.gov).

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